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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the 3rd paragraph of page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Additionally, some casino players may prefer playing a specific gaming machine. However, the player may be in a remote location and unable to travel to the casino to play. In such instances, the casino can connect a gaming machine to an outside network so that the player can connect to the outside network via a remote computer and play, even though absent from the casino. In such instances, a need ~~exists~~ exists for a secure network that provides privacy, authentication and non-repudiation so that the player can play and both the player and casino can be confident in the knowledge that the transmitted information is secure and that the rules of the game will be upheld with integrity.